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Meeting date: October 14, 2020

Location: Via Zoom

Members present: Chief Normand Crepeau – Chair, Daniel Pogorzelski, Paul Cournoyer, John Bechard, Scott Rossiter – Secretary, Brian Szczurko.

Meeting called to order 7:08 PM

The Chief noted that he had made attempts to contact all citizen petitioners to remind them of the meeting. Petitioners present included Tracy Arrondo, Robert Cardoza, Bill Yeomans, David Minichiello, Gregory Kloczek, Keri Drake

The Chair opened the meeting by reading the Town of Grafton Standard Operating Procedures and ground rules for meetings conducted via Zoom. Minor technical issues during the meeting included a non-functioning camera for the Chair and no microphone for Robert Cardoza who was able to communicate with written messages.

Old Business:

MMSP (6-0) to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting as presented.

New Business:

1. Request from David Minichiello for a stop sign at Keith Hill Rd and Salisbury Street. A motion was made to place two STOP signs in both directions on Keith Hill Road where it intersects Salisbury Street. (MMSP 6-0)
2. Request from John Karoway for "Prohibited Trucking" or "Truck Route" signs and "No Jake Brake" signs on North Main St. (Route 140) and Waterville St. (Route 30) After discussion that included the use of the generic term "engine brake" for "Jake brake" a motion was made to table for a future meeting. (MMSP 6-0)
3. Request from Keri Drake for a crosswalk between Gershon and Whitney Streets and a "speed indicator" sign. After discussion which included the limited number of houses on Gershon, the false sense of safety of a crosswalk, sightlines, and the questionable legality of the sidewalks on Gershon and Whitney no action was taken on the crosswalk request. A motion was made to install signage in both directions on Old Westboro at the intersection of Gershon to indicate pedestrians in the road at the discretion of the DPW. (MMSP 6-0)

4. **Request from Tracy Arredondo for "Slow Children at Play" signs on Deernolm, Hilltop, and Fairlawn Streets.**

Following a speech by the petitioner's daughter, Layla, a motion was made to install "Children at Play" signs on Deernolm, Hilltop and Fairlawn Streets with 20MPH advisory signs on Hilltop and Fairlawn at the discretion of the DPW. (MMSP 6-0)

5. **Request from Gregory Kloczek for a speed limit sign as well as a possible "Blind Driveway" or "Disabled Child" sign in the area of 37 Old Westboro Road.**

Following discussion including questions about a MA DPW speed zone for the area, the possibility of a missing speed limit sign at the turnpike overpass and the effectiveness and proper wording of signs a motion was made to install two "Impaired Child" signs in both directions in the vicinity of 37 Old Westboro Rd at the discretion of the DPW. (MMSP 6-0)

A motion was also made to request the DPW to research traffic speed zones and the criteria to install legal speed signs within the parameters of these zones. (MMSP 6-0)

6. **Request from Brennan Wall for STOP sign at the intersection for eastbound East St. traffic that is turning southbound onto Institute Road. Also, a request for a STOP sign on Pine St. at Westboro Rd. (Route 30).**

After discussion about the reluctance to install STOP signs on through streets and the State design of the Pine Street intersection a motion was made to take no action. (MMSP 6-0)

7. **Request from Bill Yeomans for flashing 30MPH speed limit lights on Providence Rd. near Depot Street.**

After discussion about State control of the road and the possibility of suggesting some minor changes when the road is milled and repaved next year no action was taken.

8. **Request from Robert Cardoza for "Not a Truck Route" (Trucks Prohibited) signs posted on Pleasant Street.**

After discussion that included possible missing weight limit signs for the Baptist (stone) bridge (a State responsibility) a motion was made to ask the DPW to investigate the establishment of a truck route between Main Street (Route 122A) and Providence Road (Route 122). (MMSP 5-0 with Pogorzelski recused as he lives on Pleasant Street)

Adjourn:

MMSP (6-0) to adjourn at 8:53 PM